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1. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A MEETING WITH MINISTER OF DEFENSE FORLANI ON OTHER SUBJECTS THE AMBASSADOR ASKED HIM IF IT WERE TRUE THAT GENERAL MINO, CHIEF OF THE CARABINIERI, WOULD BE RETIRED BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. FORLANI SAID THAT THERE IS A LAW WHICH MIGHT BE INTERPRETED IN A WAY WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THAT GENERAL MINO RETIRE. FORLANI DOES NOT REPEAT NOT WANT TO SEE MINO LEAVE AND HAS ASKED THE ITALIAN COURTS FOR AN INTERPRETATION OF THE LAW AND HOPES FOR A FAVORABLE DECISION.

2. THE AMBASSADOR ALSO MENTIONED RUMORS CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF PLACING CARABINIERI FORCES UNDER CONTROL OF THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS. THE AMBASSADOR COMMENTED THAT THIS WOULD BE AN UNFORTUNATE STEP GIVEN THE POLITICAL COMPLEXION OF MANY REGIONS. FORLANI REPLIED THAT THE COMMUNISTS FOR YEARS HAD BEEN TRYING TO "REGIONALIZE" THE CARABINIERI BUT THAT FORLANI HIMSELF AND THE DC GENERALLY WOULD NOT PERMIT THIS. VOLPE

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